

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Misses Louise Carson and Alice Hill returned to the city Thursday evening after a very pleasant visit to Columbia and Rock Hill, where they went to see Winthrop college friends.

The many friends of Miss Katie Pitts, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Sumter Hospital Thursday, will be glad to know that she is getting on very nicely.

Mr. Walter Harby, who was operated on at Richmond last week, is reported to be getting on as well as could be expected, although it is probable that he will not be able to return home for a couple of weeks yet.

Misses Mamie Edmunds and L. M. Davis went to Columbia Friday morning to visit the National Corn Exposition.

Mr. R. M. Jenkins, of St. Charles, was in town Friday.

Messrs. L. L. Fraser, Jr., and Scott DuBose, Jr., of Mechanicsville, Sumter county, spent Wednesday in Hartsville.—Hartsville Messenger.

Mrs. Grover Manheim and Miss Cella Manheim, of Marion, are the guests of Mrs. Isadore Manheim on Hampton avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rawlinson, of Congaree, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson on Broad street.

Mrs. M. C. Martin and little daughter, Clyde, are visiting Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Charles Thomas on S. Harvin Street.

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Burns and daughter, of Newberry, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas on S. Harvin Street.

His many friends will be sorry to know that Mr. L. B. DuRant is still in a critical condition.

Mr. C. M. Hurst and daughters went to Columbia Monday morning to attend the Fifth National Corn Show.

Mrs. Thomas Childs and daughters, Misses Clara and Alice, went to Columbia Monday to see the National Corn Show.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sanstall spent Sunday in Eastover. Mrs. Sanstall will attend the National Corn Show in Columbia before returning.

Mrs. C. F. Whitted, who has been staying in Sumter for several days, left Monday morning for Weldon, N. C., and Macon, Ga., where she will visit for some time, before returning to Sumter to make this her home.

Mr. T. N. Griffin, of Lynchburg, was in the city Monday.

Mr. D. L. Wannamaker spent Sunday and Monday in Augusta.

Mrs. J. S. Hartsell, of Cheraw, spent Saturday in the city, returning home Sunday, accompanied by Miss Janie Mikell.

MANY HEAR ADDRESS.

Prof. S. H. Edmunds Makes Masterful Talk to Men.

One of the series of addresses to be given on Sunday afternoons to the men and boys of the city at the Y. M. C. A. was made Sunday afternoon by Prof. S. H. Edmunds, who had been selected by the committee in charge of this part of the program.

Prof. Edmunds took for his subject "What Our Fathers Would Have Us Be," and on this subject made a most eloquent and masterful address to the eighty-four men present. Prof. Edmunds spoke to all, and referred to the fact that he meant those whose fathers were dead as well as those whose fathers were still living. He spoke on what fathers had a right to expect of their sons. His address was extremely interesting and was listened to with the profoundest attention.

The very large attendance present was very gratifying to the committee of laymen who have the matter of securing the speakers and arranging the program for these meetings and they hope that it will continue to be as large as this, the first meeting. The music was extremely good and the committee hopes to make it even better at the next meeting, which will be held next Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

The committee to select the speakers is composed of Messrs. R. T. Brown, E. M. Hall, and W. R. Andrews.

Death.

News was received in the city Monday afternoon of the death at her home at Providence of Mrs. Rosa Spann, the widow of the late W. A. Spann of that place. Mrs. Spann had been sick for several months and her death, therefore, did not come as a surprise to her relatives and friends.

Mrs. Spann is survived by two brothers, Messrs. W. J. and L. R. Jennings of this city.

BRUNSON-WERTZ.

Beautiful Wedding in Historic Concord Church—First Ever Solemnized in Church—Dance at Mayesville.

Mayesville, Feb. 7.—A wedding of much interest and one that can hardly be surpassed in its beauty, was that of Miss Nora Brunson and Mr. Joseph M. Wertz on last Wednesday afternoon at Concord church. This old, historic church was most tastefully and beautifully decorated in green and white with ferns and the flowers of the season. It is seldom that one ever sees a more beautiful and impressive scene than was this, the first wedding ever held in this old house of worship that has withstood the ravages of time for more than a hundred years.

Promptly at 4 o'clock, the ceremony took place, Rev. W. J. McKay, D. D., of Sumter, who has served this church for many years so faithfully, performing the ceremony. The couples in attendance entered in the following order to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Willie Shaw: Miss Neta Brunson, of Concord, with Mr. Eugene Durant, of Durant; Miss Mabel Mellette, of Wedgefield, with Mr. Clarence Brunson, of Concord; Miss Florida Propst, of Seneca, with Mr. Jud Brunson, of Concord; Miss Edith Moore, of Dalzell, with Mr. Ben Gordon, of Sumter; Miss Sallie Gordon, of Sumter, with Mr. Lucius Durant of Sumter; Miss Hennie Wertz, of Concord, with Mr. Hal Shuler, of Sumter; Miss Lily Gordon, of Sumter, with Mr. James McFadden, of Sardinia. The bride entered with her maid-of-honor, Miss Hattie Fraser, of Oswego, and the groom with his best man, Mr. Wash Seegars, of Dalzell. The bride was preceded by the little flower girls, Misses Jeanette Pringle, of Mayesville, and Margaret Reeves, of Durant, while the ushers were Messrs. A. J. Pringle, of Concord, and Hazel Brunson, of Concord.

The bride wore white satin covered with chiffon and carried white carnations, a costume which greatly enhanced her beauty and loveliness. The brides' maids wore white marquisette and carried bouquets of pink bride's roses, while the flower girls were prettily attired in white embroidered dresses with pink sashes and carried pink roses.

The wedding party were entertained at a delightful dinner before the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, and at night a most pleasant reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wash Mahoney.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brunson and the groom is a prosperous planter of near Concord.

The dance by the young men of Mayesville on Thursday evening was a most successful and enjoyable affair, the lovers of the graceful art engaging in the delights of the waltz until the wee small hours. Pinckney's orchestra of Columbia furnished the music and this part of the evening's entertainment was all that could be desired.

The committee in charge of the dance were Messrs. Louis Lichtenstein, S. M. Rhodes and E. P. McNeill and credit is due these gentlemen for the successful affair, especially the chairman, Mr. Lichtenstein.

Among those present for the dance were the following out-of-town guests: Misses Rosa and Bertha Schwartzman, of Bishopville, Annie and Thelma Mazursky of Barnwell, Ida Kartus of Bessemer, Ala., Inez Betha, Jennie Jackson, Neta Wannamaker, and the Misses Beetham of Sumter; Carrie and Maggie Baker and Pauline Jones of Salem, and Messrs. T. J. Lively, of Atlanta, Hyman Levy of Bishopville, Earle Millsaps of Sardinia, Hallie Warren of Salem, Marshall Wescoat, Cecil Schwerin, Marvin Myers, DuBose Fraser, Scott and Brown of Sumter.

Richburg-Baker.

Mr. Joseph J. Baker and Miss Fannie Richburg of this city were married Thursday evening at the home of Rev. J. B. Wilson in this city. Both of the young people are of Sumter and have many friends here who wish them much happiness in their married life.

Funeral of Joel E. Brunson.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Joel E. Brunson were held at the cemetery Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, there being a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased present to pay the last tribute of respect to the dead. The services were simple, but impressive and were conducted by the Rev. J. N. Tolar, the pastor of the Washington Baptist church of which the deceased was for many years a member.

Guilty of Storing Whiskey.

Hannah Baker, colored, was found guilty in the Recorder's Court Saturday morning on the charge of storing whiskey. She was sent to jail for a period of 30 days as she was unable to pay her fine of \$30.

CRIMINAL COURT CONVENES.

True Bills Returned—Cases Against C. Sadler Commenced.

The Court of General Sessions convened Monday morning with Judge Ernest Gary of Columbia presiding. The machinery of the court was slow in being started in motion and very little was done during the morning session.

Indictments were made out by the Solicitor and handed over to the grand jury, which returned them just before time to adjourn for dinner. The indictments returned were as follows:

G. W. Hayes, larceny of live stock, true bill.

Henry James, assault and battery with intent to kill, true bill.

Cary Mack Lowry, larceny of live stock, true bill.

Judge Gary went over the cases on the docket and continued a number of those in which Senator J. H. Clifton was attorney. Other cases were put on the contingent list until such time as the offenders should be arrested and brought to trial. The Solicitor reported the greater number of cases to be tried at this term of court.

The Judge's charge to the grand jury was somewhat lengthy and was taken up mostly in warning them of their duty to the county. He stated that it was largely through the delinquencies of the juries that more criminals are not made to pay the penalties for their crimes.

The case of the State vs. C. Sadler for assault of a high and aggravated nature was taken up shortly before noon and was still in progress when court recessed for dinner. Sadler is charged with shooting at I. D. Davis and others when they had shut up his hogs. The prosecution had one of its witnesses on the stand when court recessed.

There was some delay in the starting of a case because of the absence of witnesses in those the Solicitor called.

Jackson-White.

A marriage of interest to many people here and in Clarendon county was that of Miss Mary Jennings Jackson of this city and Mr. D. E. White of Foreston. The ceremony was performed immediately after service at Horeb Baptist church at Providence Sunday, the Rev. Wilder officiating.

Miss Jackson is one of the nurses at the Sumter Hospital and has many friends in the city and at Providence, her former home. Mr. White is a young business man of Foreston and a brother of Messrs. C. B. and J. E. White of this city.

After the wedding the happy couple took dinner at the home of the bride's mother at Providence, coming on to Sumter in the afternoon, where they took the 6.30 train for Foreston, their future home.

Fire Alarm.

An alarm of fire was sent in Saturday morning shortly before noon, the alarm coming from Mr. Geo. D. Shore's residence on Calhoun street. The fire was extinguished before the arrival of the hose wagon although the latter turned out promptly. The fire caught in a basket of clothing in the second story of the building and these articles were considerably damaged.

Peach Tree in Bloom.

Mr. D. James Winn brought to this office Monday morning a branch from a peach tree grown by him from an Elberta seedling. The tree, he states, has been in full bloom for some time and has now practically shed all of its blossoms. This tree has bloomed in January every year for the past three years and has always borne a full crop of fruit, the cold following the period during which it bloomed apparently in no way injuring the tree or preventing it from fruiting.

Reception at Claremont Hotel.

The Sumter County Medical Association was most delightfully entertained Thursday evening at a dinner given by the president of the association, Dr. E. R. Wilson, at the Claremont Hotel. A number of courses were served and proved most enjoyable. Matters of interest to the profession were discussed and the occasion proved a decided success.

Valentine Card Party.

On February seventh, Miss Margaret Bryan was hostess to the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club. Saint Valentine had made a visit before the guests arrived and his emblems and colors were everywhere in evidence.

Miss Louise Carson seemed to have been in league with the old Saint, winning a heart-shaped box of candy, as first prize, and also cutting the consolation prize, a bunch of pink carnations.

After several progressions, dainty refreshments were served, which were also appropriately prepared to carry out the Valentine scheme.

BOYS HAVE "BEST TIME EVER."

Fourteen Scouts Take All-day Hike out in the Country Saturday.

There were fourteen boys to go out on the hike Saturday, one of the longest and hardest hikes which any of the scouts have taken up to this time. The boys were under the direction of Scout Master Witherspoon and report having "the best time ever."

The boys were divided into squads of three and each of these divided up their luggage and provisions among them. At noon they built fires and cooked their own dinner, which is reported by them to have been as well prepared and as much enjoyed as anything ever cooked at the Waldorf-Astoria, Claremont, or any other hotel. The hike was a great success and those who went on it seemed ready upon their return shortly before dark to be ready to start out again for another one at any time.

INTERESTING TEACHERS MEETING.

Miss Carolina L. Dickinson of Dorchester and Dr. C. C. Brown Make Talks.

Two very interesting talks were made to the Sumter County teachers at the meeting of their association in the Hampton school building Saturday. Miss Carolina L. Dickinson, rural school supervisor of Dorchester county, made an address on matters relating to the work of the supervisor in that county among the rural schools and Dr. Brown gave some extremely good advice to teachers.

The meeting was well attended and the talks were listened to with the greatest attention. Announcement were made along lines of interest to the teachers, principally concerning the School Day exercises and prizes of which more will be said later. The meeting was a very interesting one and most successful. The large attendance and the interest shown in these meetings by the county teachers has been extremely gratifying, indicating the interest which they are taking in their work and their desire to do more for their schools.

Miss Dickinson told of her work in Dorchester county and her reception by the teachers in the county, which had been in nearly every case very polite. She had with their assistance been able to do much good. Dr. Brown told the teachers that in order for them to accomplish practical good in their school work, they must be sincere in their efforts. His talk was taken up almost entirely with advice to teachers and was cordially received.

AN OLD DEED.

Transfer of Real Estate Made Forty-five Years Ago Just Recorded.

One of the oldest unrecorded deeds turned over to the auditor in a number of years was that given to him Thursday to be recorded on the county books. The transfer of title was made forty-five years ago, but the deed was not recorded then and is being recorded now because of the fact that the land in question has again changed hands and in order that the new owners should get a good title it had to be recorded.

The deed is one from Joseph S. Durand and Margaret Elizabeth, his wife, to John Anderson Mills, and is marked "a relinquishment of inheritance." It conveys 82 1-2 acres on Scape O'er Swamp for a consideration of \$150. Recently the same land was transferred from Mrs. Mills to her son, Dr. W. E. Mills of this city.

On the deed there are five ten cent United States internal revenue stamps, while inside there are three two cent internal revenue stamps, indicating the cost of probating the deed. These stamps were cancelled by Mr. C. M. Hurst, July 6th, 1869, while those on the outside of the deed are marked with the initials, "J. L. D." and "M. E. D." and are dated January 1, 1869. The deed is dated December 31, 1868.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses were issued Saturday to the following colored couples: Eugene Anthony and Silvia Peterson, Mayesville; Lisbon Pearson and Elizabeth Ford, Privateer; William W. Murray, Stateburg, and Mary Cantey, Sumter.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, Feb. 10.
Good Middling 12 5-8.
Strict Middling 12 1-2.
Middling 12 3-8.
St. Low Middling 12.
Low Middling 11 3-8.
Staple cotton, nominal.

New York Cotton Market.

New York, Feb. 10.
Open Close
March... ..12.49 12.59
May... ..12.37 12.44
July... ..12.32 12.37
Aug... ..12.16 12.20

Comparative Digestibility of Food

Made with different Baking Powders

From a Series of Elaborate Chemical Tests:

An equal quantity of bread (biscuit) was made with each of three different kinds of baking powder—cream of tartar, phosphate, and alum—and submitted separately to the action of the digestive fluid, each for the same length of time.

The relative percentage of the food digested is shown as follows:

Bread made with
Royal Cream of Tartar Powder:

100 Per Cent. Digested

Bread made with
phosphate powder:

68 1/4 Per Cent. Digested

Bread made with
alum powder:

67 3/4 Per Cent. Digested

These tests, which are absolutely reliable and unprejudiced, make plain a fact of great importance to everyone: Food raised with Royal, a cream of tartar Baking Powder, is shown to be entirely digestible, while the alum and phosphate powders are found to largely retard the digestion of the food made from them.

Undigested food is not only wasted food, but it is the source of very many bodily ailments.

THE CORN SHOW.

Why Every Farmer in Sumter County Who Has Not Already Visited It, Should Attend the National Corn Exposition During This Week.

It is probably the biggest exposition of its kind that has ever been held in the South, hence the opportunity of a life time for a man of limited means to see and have explained the progress science is making. There are about one hundred experts in charge of the various exhibits, ranging from the results of the various experiment stations through all the branches of the Department of Agriculture designed for the improvement of the farm or living conditions on the farm. All kinds of farm machinery from the garden hoe on up to the traction gang plow, which with three hands breaks from 12 to 15 acres a day, are on exhibit and being demonstrated. At intervals the sound of blasting is heard. Experts are demonstrating how to break land with dynamite for growing crops and for setting out trees. They are also showing how to blow up stumps, and drain land. Cows are milked by machinery and vats for dipping cattle are being used to show how cattle may be freed of cattle ticks. The old time school house stands side by side with a modernly equipped school building with an expert to tell you how the transition may be made at a moderate expense. A modern equipped money-making farm stands by an old worn out farm, which requires a great deal of work and from which is obtained very little profit. A properly terraced hill side, clad in verdant pastures, stands by a gullied red hill, where water rushes down and overflows the valley below. A chart of the United States showing the areas of high and low pressure which determines the forecast for that day is on exhibit, with an expert in charge who cheerfully tells how the many influences go to help in making a weather forecast.

All kinds of fertilizer experiments are graphically exhibited. A study of which would pay many a farmer handsomely for his time and expenses for three or four days at the show.

Yes there is some corn on display too. Yellow corn, white corn, red corn, black corn, pop corn of high and low degree. You will see where all of the diplomas for the best show corn are collected, nearly every sample entered from Indiana took a prize. In fact it seems that those fellows from the Hoosier State didn't have much competition. If you take all the number of bushels of corn grown in Indiana and divide it by the number of acres planted to corn the result will give more than forty bushels of corn per acre. Perform the same operation in South Carolina and you get about eighteen bushels, yet we have grown 254 and 228 bushels of corn per acre. Such large amounts are never grown in Indiana, so on the other hand, such small amounts as are necessarily grown to bring down South Carolina's average are

never heard of in Indiana.

The National Corn Exposition has been extended to 6 o'clock Friday evening, February 14, and I hope that every farmer in Sumter County who has not already been will take advantage of the few remaining days to attend the show, get some new ideas and come back to Sumter County determined to put into practice some of the many needed demonstrations being exhibited at the Corn Show.

J. Frank Williams,
Local Farm Demonstration Agent.

SPECIAL DAY FOR NEGROES.

Friday, February 14, Set Apart for Colored People at National Corn Show.

Friday, February 14, is Negro Day at the Corn Show in Columbia. The management has decided to set apart this day. The Rev. C. T. Walker of Augusta, Ga., has been requested to deliver the principal address for this occasion. Efforts are being made throughout the State to get all the superintendents of colored public schools, and presidents of colleges and other institutions to dismiss their schools Friday so the teachers and pupils may have chance to be in attendance at the Corn Show if they so desire. The management of the Corn Show thinks this will be an incentive to the farmers and to all who attend.

Richard Carroll will have charge of the management for the celebration of the Negro Day. White people who read this journal will render good service if they notify the colored people in their employ, and those who live in their communities about the special day. Low rates on all railroads will be granted during the entire week. Any information desired, address Geo. H. Stevenson, or Richard Carroll, Columbia, S. C.

TO INVESTIGATE SOLDIERS' HOME.

House Agrees to Appoint Committee to Look Into Management of Confederate Infirmary.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The house passed a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate certain reports in regard to the management of the Confederate infirmary. The resolution provides for the appointment of three senators and three representatives. The committee is asked to report at this session.

Second of Silver Teas.

The second Silver Tea, given by the Civic League in the interest of the Civic League Library was as much of a success as the first one had been and was most enjoyable in every way. Several hundred invitations had been issued and a large attendance upon the function was the result. Tea was served by young ladies of the league to the guests as they came in and everybody found the affair a very pleasant one.